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State Police Investigate Sexual Assault

The below suspect was arrested by Connecticut State Police on Friday October 10, 2003 after a six month long extensive **sexual assault/ manufacturing of child pornography** investigation. The case began with a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. A digital video taken from the seizure of a computer in Japan depicted a man engaging in sex with two minors. An analysis conducted by NCMEC indicated that the video was created in or near Hartford, CT. The Connecticut Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the Hartford Police Department, Postal Inspector Service and the Connecticut State Police Computer Crimes Unit, identified the suspect after months of interviewing witnesses and identifying possible victims. All accounts from witnesses and victims lead task force personnel to believe that there are other, unidentified victims. Task Force investigators would like to interview anyone who may have been sexually assaulted or sexually molested as minors (under the age of sixteen at the time) and/or were videotaped or photographed in sexually explicit poses by the suspect. Investigators believe that additional assaults may have taken place at 451 Hillside Avenue, in Hartford.

Anyone with information should contact the Connecticut State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force at 203 639-6492 or the Hartford Police Department Youth Division at 860/527-7300.



Suspect Name:

Legal Name: Sigourney, Jose Luiz

Former Legal Name: Valenzuela, Michael Bendezu

Alias Names:

Former legal name is Valenzuela, Michael Bendezu. At time of arrest, the suspect had a passport issued in the name of Jose Luiz Sigourney. He has also used the following names: Ismael Cohen, Ismael B. Cohen, Ismael Valenzueal, Machael Bemdezu Valenzual, Michael Bemdezu Valenzuela, Imael Venezula

Date of Birth: 06/17/1955 Place of Birth: Peru

Tattoos:

The suspect has at least three unique tattoos.

He has a tattoo of the name "Ismael" on his left hand.

He has a heart tattooed on his right hand with an arrow through it and writing under it "USMC."

He has an elaborate tattoo on his left bicep that features a knife through a globe with an anchor.

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